

To the Supream Authority of this  
Nation, the Parliament of the  
Common-wealth of  
ENGLAND.

*The Humble Petition of the Refrainers and Goldwyer-  
drawers of*

L O N D O N.

Sheweth,



Hat your Petitioners with many others have served seven years Apprentices, in Refining Gold-wyer-drawing, flatting, spinning, beying and selling Gold and Silver-wyer for the making of Gold and Silver thrid, purple, Oes, Spangles plate, & drawing of Wyer for Damasking inlaing handle-wyer for Cutlers and Wyer for Cloath of Gold and Silver and such like, and for preparing fining disgrossing drawing flatting and spinning of Gold and Silver for the uses aforesaid, with all things else belonging to the Arts and Trade of Refining and Gold-wyer-drawing, which Trade hath been of ancient use in this Nation, and to your Petitioners great charges, is of late years brought to as great perfection in this Common-wealth as in any other Nation, where the said manufactures are established, and by the dew exercise of the same it hath been found by experience, that within this Land many thousands of the Natives have been and are set on work profitably for the good of the Common-wealth, and for the better regulating of the said Manufactures, and preventing the making of slight and unserviseable wares, and redusing of the said Manufactures into order and Government.

*Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that they may have by Authority of Parliament a Charter granted unto them, and may be thereby incorporated into a body, politike consisting of one Master, three Wardens, twelve assistance and commonalty, and thereby have power to bring all the parties of the said Trade and Arts into order, with such other grants and priviledges as may be for the well regulating of the said Manufactures Trade and Arts, and the Members of their Corperation.*

And your Petitioners shall pray, &c.

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